

THANK YOU FIRST REFORMED UCC!

Thank you for your help to fill the soup pots last Sunday for the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! We collected approximately \$382 that will be donated to Crisis Ministry of Davidson County.

A SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION, COMMITTAL AND LAYING OF WREATH

Next Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 3:00PM, you are invited to join St. Stephen United Methodist Church at the Slave Grave Site in the Lexington City Cemetery on North State Street for a service of Commemoration, Committal and Laying of Wreath, led by Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACE AND FAITH CONTINUE

Beginning February 11, Collaborative Ministries will begin a six-week discussion group on Race and Faith. You may bring your own lunch for the meetings that begin at 12:00 each Wednesday through March 17. The group will meet in the church parlor.

TOUCHING DAVIDSON COUNTY WITH LOVE

Touching Davidson County with Love is set for Saturday, April 4, 2020. A variety of projects will be scheduled that will suit different skill sets and ability levels. Final projects have not been decided yet. If you have a project you'd like to be considered or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jerry Lovell as soon as possible.

(336-746-6493 or 336-309-9302 or plovell53@yahoo.com)

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

WHEN:

12:00PM on Wednesdays
February 26 - April 1

Services led by different denominations each week

WHERE:

First United Methodist Church
Lunch will be served following services

HONORING LEE ANN PEELE

Join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 23 to honor Lee Ann for 29 years of service as our church organist. She is retiring, and this will be her last Sunday as our organist. The reception is from 2-4:00 with remarks at 3:00. Save the date so you will be sure to join us in celebrating Lee Ann's years of dedicated service at First Reformed UCC!

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

First Reformed United Church of Christ will host another **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** in our church Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, February 12 from 2:00-7:00PM**. If you would like to sign up for a time to give, please contact Betty Barr at 336-239-5001 or barrpilotcar@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES...RUBIES AND PEARLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEES

Rubies and Pearls is a program developed to help young girls grow in social skills. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors for a small group of 5th grade girls once a month for a 30-minute period of time. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Horton.

ON-GOING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

• CLOTHES CLOSET

Please continue to bring donations to the table across from the office or contact Jerry Lovell (336-309-9302). If you'd like to volunteer to help out in the Clothes Closet, please contact Jerry.

• FOOD ITEMS FOR CEES BACKPACK PROGRAM:

Please continue to bring requested food items for Charles England Elementary School to the large box in the Narthex or the table outside the church office.

Juice Boxes	Spaghetti-Os	Breakfast Bars
Ramen Noodles	Applesauce Cups	Canned Soup
Cheese Crackers	Beanie Weenies	Canned Tuna
Canned Vegetables	Vienna Sausages	Gallon Ziploc Bags

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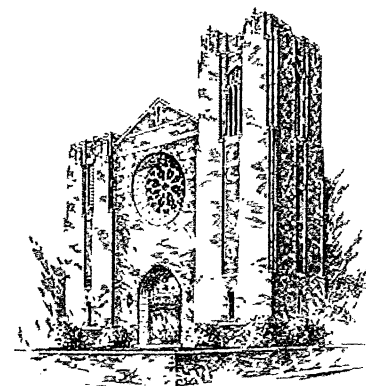
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First Reformed United Church of Christ



The Worship of God

February 9, 2020

11:00AM

Where People Discover...The Love of God...The Power to Love Others...The Ability to Love Ourselves

Gathering

(*)Please stand as you are able

"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Chorus

*Call to Worship

"Open My Eyes, Lord"

Elizabeth Horton

Camille Morgan

Called to be light,
we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.
Called to be salt,
we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.
Called to live in God's reality,
we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.

*Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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*Invocation

Camille Morgan

Centering

From Isaiah 58

Camille Morgan

...Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly...

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Young Disciples (All children, Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to join Alice Gray for Kids Club.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Anthem

"Vision Prayer"

Molly Ijames and Eileen Berry

Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine, and now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine. His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies, and spread His truth and beauty before my wondering eyes.

Illuminated in rich color and beautiful to see, the dying of my Savior has given life to me. And brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour has left the dark tomb empty and freed me from its power.

O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart, this brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart. And as I shine this gospel in every darkened place, O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Scripture

Matthew 5: 13-20
(Page #880 in Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"The Promise of Guidance"

*Hymn

"You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

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*Invitation to Receive Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise God with all the hosts above. Praise God in wonder, joy and love.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Prayer of Dedication

Camille Morgan

*Call to Dedication

Camille Morgan

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Choral Benediction

"Standing on the Promises"

*Postlude

You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Jeff Hutchens to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Robbins and in honor of Kalyssa Hutchens' 19th birthday.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Camille Morgan

USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens

USHERS: James Gray (Captain), Henry Crouse, John Smith, Raeann Allred, Michell Winters, Jonathan Kepley (Youth Usher)

GREETERS: Renee Walsh, Travis White, Bella Gentry, Bryson Gentry, Caroline White

PLATE ATTENDANT: Clifford Lopp

ACOLYTE: Lucas Peterson

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Jeremy Peterson

BIBLE STEWARD: Ethan Lovell

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

This God is our God . . . he will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
2. O - pen now the. crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;

I am weak, but thou art might-y—hold me with thy power-ful hand:
let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar lead me all my jour-ney through:
death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side:

Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.

WORDS: William Williams, 1745; tr. Peter Williams and William Williams, 1771, 1772

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

Slowly

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are . bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one . to prof - it when you say, "I am

to Refrain

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain
Doris Akers, 1962

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

D (allow to ring off)

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain
Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

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WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9

9:45AM Sunday School

Adults: Book Study: "Trouble I've Seen"

Leaders: Bonita Hooper & Stacy Sosebee-West

Youth & Children: Social Justice

Youth: Jeremy Lovell

Children: Renee Walsh & Travis White

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Kids Club

Following Worship: Congregational Meal & Meeting

Girl Scout Cookies for sale

Monday, February 10

5:30PM Clothing Closet {Basement}

6:30PM Open Hands Meal {FH}

Tuesday, February 11

10:00AM Collaborative Ministries {Parlor}

10:45AM Willing Weavers

12:00PM Conversations on Race and Faith {Parlor}

6:00PM Men's Brotherhood & Women's Life

Fellowship {FH/Parlor}

7:00PM Youth Ministry Team Meeting

Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

8:30AM Staff Meeting {Office}

2-7:00PM American Red Cross Blood Drive {FH}

6:30PM Bell Choir

7:15PM Choir

Thursday, February 13

5:15PM Yoga Class {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Square Dancing {FH}

Sunday, February 16

9:45AM Sunday School

Adults: Book Study: "Trouble I've Seen"

Leaders: Bonita Hooper & Stacy Sosebee-West

Youth & Children: Social Justice

Youth: Raeann Allred

Children: Renee Walsh & Travis White

11:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

OUR MEMBERS:

Myra Thompson, Susan Miller, Ellen Bouchard, Bill Walser

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crofts, Ruth Essick, Margot Everhart, Vogen Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marguerite Leonard, Bob Shaak, Lib Sink, Katherine Skipper, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt

OUR FRIENDS:

*Gina Decelle (friend of Renee Walsh), *Jack Frank (friend of John Potts & Janette Neal), *Bobby Conrad (friend of John & Susie Smith), *Roland Eller, (friend of Camille Morgan) *Bonnie & Jerry Broh-Khan (Marge Doty's sister and brother-in-law), Judy Stanley (Robin Champion's mother), Jerry Byrd (friend of John & Susie Smith), The Family of Shelia Hanes (friend of Alane Holste), The Family of Myra Hepler (friend of Alane Holste), Cpt. Kacie Allred, USAF (Raeann Allred's step-daughter)

*Indicates newly added. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews or call the church office (336-248-2617).

~FEBRUARY~

BIRTHDAYS

9th

Ethan Lovell

12th

Ann Hoffman

15th

Abbie Callicutt

ANNIVERSARIES

9th

Mike & Lynn Brown
Mike & Bonita Hooper